



SFEP IMPLEMENTS THE CCMP:

Some highlights from 2007

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SFEP selected (through a competitive process), funded, and managed small grants to projects throughout the Bay. Total funding—\$90,000—went to:

- ✓ Alameda Creek Alliance and partners for public outreach and invasives control
- ✓ Audubon California to develop an eelgrass research lab
- ✓ The Bay Institute for mapping work at Sonoma Baylands
- ✓ CalFlora for expanding a watersheds database
- ✓ Golden Gate Audubon for Environmental Ed. at Martin Luther King, Jr. marsh
- ✓ Hayward Area Recreation and Park District for estuary Ed. on the Hayward shoreline
- ✓ Kids for the Bay, and partners for Environmental Ed.
- ✓ Mill Valley StreamKeepers for investigating sources of bacteria in Corte Madera Creek
- ✓ Mission Creek Conservancy for habitat enhancement
- ✓ Natural Heritage Institute for youth docent training on the North Richmond shoreline
- ✓ PRBO Conservation Science for developing a pocket guide to birds of the Bay
- ✓ S.F. Bay Observatory for volunteer monitoring of shorebirds in the South Bay
- ✓ Urban Creeks Council for a fisheries survey on Alhambra Creek

- ◆ **Sponsored 8th biennial State of the Estuary conference.** 800+ attendees discussed the latest science about the health of the Bay-Delta and its wildlife, continuing challenges, and restoration.
- ◆ **Drafted *California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan*.** Staff completed a state-wide framework for responding to aquatic invasive species in California and for protecting native plants and animals.
- ◆ **Trained:**
 - 250 contractors, local government inspectors, and builders on ways to reduce runoff from construction sites.
 - 110 agency staff on best management practices for road maintenance to prevent fine sediment from reaching creeks, in order to preserve salmon habitat.
 - Local government managers, staff, and elected officials on “Best Practices” related to housing, transit-oriented development, green infill, and community engagement (planning issues)
- ◆ **Revised the *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan*.** The culmination of 18 months of work, where over 80 participants redefined the 1993 document, updating seven program areas, and adding 66 new actions.
- ◆ **Assisted in drafting a Stream and Wetland System Protection Policy** working with the State Water Board. Public outreach is underway.
- ◆ **Manage the Urban Pesticide Pollution Prevention Project** that fosters effective education and outreach and provides technical assistance with the goal of preventing pesticide pollution to San Francisco Bay Area urban creeks.
- ◆ **Completed the *Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Program*** to assist watershed volunteer groups and others working in and around creeks to identify new invasions of aquatic species.
- ◆ **Continued boater education.** Distributed thousands of San Francisco Bay and San Joaquin and Sacramento River Delta Sewage Pumpout Maps and Guides to recreational boaters.
- ◆ **Supported the development of “total maximum daily loads” (TMDLs),** key regulatory tools designed to resolve pollution problems and restore and protect habitat in the Bay Area’s watersheds. In 2007, the State Water Board approved TMDLs for pathogens in the Napa River, Sonoma Creek and Tomales Bay watersheds and mercury in San Francisco Bay. The Regional Water Board adopted two more TMDLs that will be considered by the State Board in 2008: sediment in the Napa River watershed and mercury in the Walker Creek watershed (Western Marin County)

